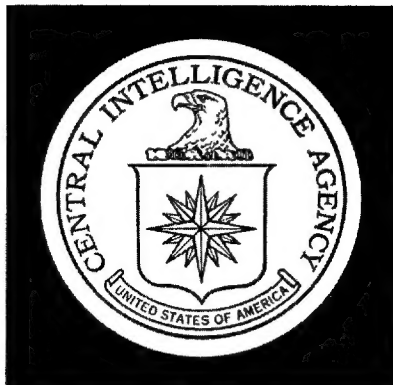


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1. The Communist Party of Uruguay is contacting other Uruguayan extremist organizations to obtain their participation in a joint campaign of mass action tactics aimed at repudiating the presidents' meeting. It is doubtful that Uruguay's ideologically divided extremist groups would ever cooperate closely on a political level, but most of them will probably cooperate on the anti-summit campaign, which extremists generally support. The Federation of Uruguayan Anarchists, a group of about 200 people, has probably already agreed to cooperate, for they have published an anti-summit article in the Communist Party's newspaper. So far as is known, this is the first time the Communists have given newspaper space to the Anarchists.

2. Police security planning is still in the preliminary stage, but provisions are being made for 20 presidential escort teams, a traffic patrol, static guards, and reserve or emergency forces. The conference area will be completely secured from land and sea. A "screen" of ships will stand off Punta del Este, and the Uruguayan Navy will endeavor to provide emergency service for water, electricity, and communications. The 1,875-man navy, it should be noted, only has about 16 operational seagoing craft and is short of money and materiel.

3. The security forces plan to stop the Communist-organized "march" from Montevideo to Punta del Este, should it materialize as planned. Security forces plan to use water-throwing trucks and riot control forces--tactics which may aid the Communists' propaganda campaign. Marchers are sure to be accompanied by photographers ready to take pictures of "Yankee-inspired police brutality turned against a peaceful protest."

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